

Documented PCN allergy

Mild Reactions

minor rash (not hives, without mucosal involvement or other associated symptoms)

Can use:
full-dose 3rd or 4th generation cephalosporin
carbapenem
Update allergy information in EPIC (note if cephalosporin tolerated)

Type I (IgE-mediated) HSR*

hives
anaphylaxis
angioedema
wheezing
laryngeal edema
hypotension
unknown reaction

Indication for penicillin/beta-lactam (e.g. SSTIs, surgical prophylaxis, *Pseudomonas* infections)

Yes

Allergy consult (917-708-1196 or page through amion)
Place consult order in EPIC

No

Outpatient allergy referral (call 212-241-0764 for Faculty Practice Associates or 212-659-8554 for Center for Advanced Medicine)

Type II-IV HSR*

Serum sickness
Stevens-Johnson syndrome
Toxic epidermal necrolysis
acute interstitial nephritis
drug rash eosinophilia
systemic symptoms syndrome
hemolytic anemia

Avoid penicillin/cephalosporin/carbapenem
Ensure allergy information in EPIC is accurate

The following are examples of intolerances and are not considered allergies:

1. GI upset
2. Thrush
3. Family History of allergy
4. Headache

In this case it is OK to give a penicillin and remove the allergy from EPIC

*Hypersensitivity reaction

**See reverse side for details on taking an allergy history

***This is meant to serve as a general patient guideline, not a substitute for clinical judgment. If you are ever unsure or uncomfortable, consult allergy/immunology or infectious diseases.